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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Monday, 6 December 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

10 a.m. 70th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Adoption of the agenda of the fifty-fourth session of the General Assembly and allocation of items [8]:

   (a) Third report of the General Committee (A/54/250/Add.2)

   (b) Request for the inclusion of an additional item: note by the Secretary-General (A/54/236 and Add.1)

   (c) Request for the reopening of the consideration of agenda item 15 (c): note by the Secretary-General (A/54/624)

2. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe: report of the Secretary-General (A/54/537 and Corr.1) [30]

3. Multilingualism [23]:

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/478)

   (b) Draft resolution (A/54/L.37)

4. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization: draft resolution (A/54/L.48) [167]

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3 p.m. 71st PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples [18]:

   (a) Report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (A/54/23 (Parts I-III))

   (b) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/54/337, A/54/119, A/54/219)

   (c) Draft resolutions (A/54/L.50, A/54/23 (Part III), Chapter XIII, G-para.7)

2. Effects of atomic radiation: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/54/573) [86]

3. International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/54/574) [87]

4. United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/54/575) [88]

5. Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/54/576) [89]

6. Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/54/577) [90]

7. Questions relating to information: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/54/578) [91]

8. Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 *e* of the Charter of the United Nations: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/54/579) [92]

9. Economic and other activities which affect the interests of the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories; implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/54/580) [93 and 18]

10. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations; report of the Economic and Social Council: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/54/581) [94 and 12]

11. Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/54/582) [95]

12. Question of East Timor: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/54/583) [96]

13. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/54/584) [18]

14. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples: draft resolutions (A/54/L.50, A/54/23 (Part III), Chapter XIII, G-para.7) [18]

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2

1. Informal consultations under the Chairmanship of the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Alexandru Niculescu (Romania) on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.34 *(item 98 (b))* and A/C.2/54/L.39 *(item 99 (f))*

2. Informal consultations under the Chairmanship of the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Daúl Matute (Peru), on draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.3 *(item 105)*

3. Informal consultations under the Chairmanship of the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Giovanni Brauzzi, on draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.2 *(item 97 (e))*

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	42nd meeting	Conference Room 3

Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo [166] (A/54/494 and Corr.1 and A/54/622)

Introduction and general discussion

Morning*- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 126 (United Nations common system (A/54/30, A/53/688, A/54/434, A/54/483 and A/C.5/54/24))

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 121 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 (A/54/6/Rev.1, Vol. II and III, A/54/7, A/54/16, A/C.5/54/20, A/C.5/54/16, A/54/643, A/C.5/54/15, A/C.5/54/27, A/C.5/54/17, A/C.5/54/21, A/53/955, A/C.5/54/25, A/53/794 and A/C.5/54/14))

* Following the adjournment of the 42nd meeting of the Fifth Committee.

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PREPARATORY COMMISSION FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

Third session

10 a.m.	10th meeting	Conference Room 4
Morning*- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on the rules of procedure and evidence (Parts 9 and 10 of the Statute)

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on elements of crimes

6 p.m.- 8 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on the rules of procedure and evidence (Part 7 of the Statute)

WORKING GROUP ON THE CRIME OF AGGRESSION

Morning*- 1 p.m.	Conference Room 4

WORKING GROUP ON RULES OF PROCEDURE AND EVIDENCE RELATED TO PART 2 OF THE STATUTE

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	Conference Room 4

* Following the adjournment of the 10th meeting of the Preparatory Commission.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Draft report
2. Second performance report
3. Revised estimates: effect of changes in rates of exchange and inflation
4. Use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples of self-determination
5. Organizational matters

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultation on agenda item 20 (b)

The delegation of the Russian Federation invites all interested delegations to informal consultations on the draft resolution on the assistance for humanitarian relief and the economic rehabilitation and reconstruction of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, to be held on Monday, 6 December 1999, from 10 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Informal consultations on agenda item 20

The delegation of Finland, on behalf of the European Union, invites all interested delegations to informal consultations on the European Union draft resolution on safety and security of humanitarian personnel and the protection of the United Nations personnel, to be held on Monday, 6 December 1999, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Monday, 6 December 1999

ARAB GROUP OF THE PREPARATORY COMMISSION FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

9 a.m.-10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room A

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

9 a.m.-10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(Coordination meeting: debt (A/C.2/54/L.2); globalization (A/C.2/54/L.19); financing of development (A/C.2/54/L.38); financing for development (A/C.2/54/L.25); and on all pending issues)

6 p.m.-8 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

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Briefing

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a briefing on the Security Council for members of the Council. The course will be held from Monday, 6 to Wednesday, 15 December 1999. On Monday, 6 December, the course will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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Closed consultations among members of the Security Council and troop contributors to the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP) will be held on Monday, 6 December 1999, at 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room 7.

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Announcement

As from Wednesday, 1 December 1999, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, 7 December 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

10 a.m. 72nd PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Return or restitution of cultural property to the countries of origin [24]:

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/436)

   (b) Draft resolution (A/54/L.47)*

2. Operational activities for development of the United Nations system [101 (a)]: follow-up to the World Summit for Children: draft resolution (A/54/L.51)

3. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity [31]:

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/484)

   (b) Draft resolution (A/54/L.38)

4. Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance [20]:

   (a) Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations: draft resolution (A/54/L.54)

   (b) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions: draft resolutions (A/54/L.49, A/54/L.53, A/54/L.56, A/54/L.57)

   (c) Strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster: draft resolution (A/54/L.22/Rev.1)

   (d) Participation of volunteers, 'White Helmets', in activities of the United Nations in the field of humanitarian relief, rehabilitation and technical cooperation for development: draft resolution (A/54/L.34/Rev.1)

5. The situation in Central America: procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace and progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development [47]:

   (a) Draft resolution (A/54/L.27)

   (b) Report of the Fifth Committee *

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* To be issued.

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	47th meeting	Conference Room 2
Afternoon*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2

* Following the adjournment of the 47th meeting of the Second Committee.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	43rd meeting	Conference Room 3
Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
6.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
9.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

* Following the adournment of the 43rd meeting of the Fifth Committee.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 162

There will be a meeting to discuss General Assembly draft resolution A/54/L.7 on agenda item 162 (Observer status for the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources in the General Assembly), to be held on Tuesday, 7 December 1999, at 9.30 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (b)

Informal consultations on the draft resolution under agenda item 20 (b) entitled "Emergency assistance to the Sudan" will be held on Tuesday, 7 December 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (b)

The delegation of Ukraine, on behalf of co-sponsors, invites all interested delegations to informal consultations on the draft resolution on the economic assistance to the Eastern European States affected by the recent developments in the Balkan region, to be held on Tuesday, 7 December 1999, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Informal consultations on agenda item 42

Informal consultations of co-sponsors and interested delegations on agenda item 42 (The situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina) will be held on Tuesday, 7 December 1999, at 4 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

Informal consultations on agenda item 20

The Permanent Mission of Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, and Mexico) invites all interested delegations to informal consultations on the draft resolution on "International cooperation on humanitarian assistance in the field of natural disasters from relief to development", to be held on Wednesday, 8 December 1999, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 7, and on Thursday, 9 December 1999, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber, as well as on Friday, 10 December 1999, and on Monday, 13 December 1999, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Informal consultations on agenda item 24

The Permanent Mission of Greece invites all interested delegations to informal consultations on the draft resolution on "Return or restitution of cultural property to the countries of origin", to be held on Wednesday, 8 December 1999, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room E.

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The Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East will meet on Wednesday, 8 December 1999, at *11 a.m.* in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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A brief resumed third session of the Preparatory Committee for the 2000 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) will be held under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Camilo Reyes Rodríguez (Colombia), Chairman of the third session of the Preparatory Committee, for the purpose of taking a decision on the nomination for the presidency of the 2000 Review Conference, on Wednesday, 8 December 1999, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

In view of the continuation of the work of the Second Committee, the meeting of the Economic and Social Council scheduled for Thursday, 9 December, has been postponed to Tuesday, 14 December. Accordingly, informal consultations by the President of the Council, H.E. Mr. F. Paolo Fulci (Italy), will be held on Friday, 10 December, and Monday, 13 December (conference room and time to be announced). The provisional agenda will be as follows:

1. Report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the Administrative Committee on Coordination (E/1999/288 and Add.1)

2. International cooperation in tax matters (E/1999/84)

3. Programme of work for the Committee on Development Policy (E/1999/33)

4. Advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the difference relating to immunity from legal process of a Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights (E/1999/121)

5. Strengthening the role of the Economic and Social Council as the central mechanism for the coordination of the activities of the specialized agencies (Articles 63 and 64 of the Charter of the United Nations)

6. Election of five members of the Executive Board of the World Food Programme

   Election of two members of the Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting

7. Other matters

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The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Percy Metsing Mangoaela (Lesotho), on Tuesday, 7 December 1999, at 10 a.m. sharp in Conference Room 1.

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United Nations Development Programme

The United Nations Development Programme will hold informal consultations on the *Human Development Report 2000* on Friday, 10 December 1999, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 7. Interested delegations are invited to attend.

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There will be a meeting of the Working Group on Disarmament of the Non-Aligned Movement on Tuesday, 7 December 1999, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

There will be an extraordinary meeting of the Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement *(at the ambassadorial level)* on Wednesday, 8 December 1999, from *3 p.m. to 6 p.m in the Trusteeship Council Chamber*.

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There will a Donors' Conference for the Mine Action Programme in Croatia, organized by the Mine Action Service, Office of Planning of Support, Department of Peacekeeping Operations, and the United Nations Development Programme, on Tuesday, 7 December 1999, from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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There will be a meeting of the Group of Interested States in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 52/38 G on "Consolidation of Peace through Practical Disarmament Measures" on Wednesday, 8 December 1999, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in Conference Room E. The meeting will review the status of ongoing projects of practical disarmament and will hear new proposals in this field. The meeting is open to all interested delegations.

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Workshops

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing, jointly with the German Management Academy (DMAN) and with support from the Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE), the second session in the series entitled "Public-Private Partnerships for Sustainable Development". Session II will be on "Financing for Development Through Public-Private Partnership." The workshop will be held on the following dates: Tuesday, 7 December 1999, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; and Wednesday, 8 December, from 9.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note, a nomination form and a draft programme, was addressed to all the permanent missions. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9196).

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There will be a technical workshop, organized by the Department for Disarmament Affairs, in collaboration with the Program on Security and Development (SAND) of the Monterey Institute of International Studies (MIIS) and the Bonn International Center for Conversion (BICC), on Tuesday, 7 December 1999, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 7, to discuss a draft Light Weapons Field Guide for Development and Humanitarian Relief Workers being developed by SAND and BICC. The workshop will be chaired by the Under-Secretary-General for Disarmament Affairs, Mr. Jayantha Dhanapala. Members of permanent missions and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend. Copies of the draft Field Guide may be retrieved from the office of Mr. David Biggs, Conventional Arms Branch, Department for Disarmament Affairs (room S-3170G; tel.: (212) 963-5598).

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Panel discussion

The Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women will be opened for signature on Friday, 10 December 1999, at the United Nations Headquarters.

On the same day, a panel discussion on the Optional Protocol will take place at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The Secretary-General of the United Nations will make an opening statement. Panellists will include: Ms. Aída González Martínez, Chairperson of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), Ms. Aloisia Wörgetter, Chairperson of the Optional Protocol Working Group, The Honourable Sujata Manohar, former Judge of the Supreme Court of India, Ms. Fauziya Kassindja, Equality Now, and Mr. Bacre Waly Ndiaye, Director of the New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights. Ms. Angela E.V. King, Special Adviser on Gender Issues and the Advancement of Women, will moderate the panel discussion.

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend these events.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Friday, 3 December 1999

SECURITY COUNCIL

4077th meeting

The situation between Iraq and Kuwait

Report of the Secretary-General pursuant to paragraph 6 of Security Council resolution 1242 (1999) (S/1999/1162 and Corr.1)

Letter dated 17 November 1999 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established by resolution 661 (1990) concerning the situation between Iraq and Kuwait (S/1999/1177)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/1999/1215, which had been submitted by the United States of America.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution (S/1999/1215) before it.

Before the vote, statements were made by the representatives of France and Malaysia.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/1999/1215) received 11 votes in favour, none against and 3 abstentions (China, Malaysia, and the Russian Federation), and was adopted as resolution 1280 (1999). One member (France) did not participate in the vote.

Following the vote, statements were made by the representatives of the United States, the Russian Federation, Canada, the Netherlands, China and Namibia.

The representatives of France and the Netherlands made further statements.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE 46th meeting

Sectoral policy questions [98]

(a) Industrial development cooperation

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.27 and L.64

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Alexandru Niculescu (Romania), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.64.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.27 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [99]

(a) Implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic growth and Development of the Developing Countries, and implementation of the International Development Strategy for the fourth United Nations Development Decade

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.20 and L.63

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Alexandru Niculescu (Romania), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.63.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.20 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 99 (c).

(b) Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II)

The Committee postponed action on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.13 and A/C.2/54/L.66 to its next meeting.

Action on resolution 17/1 in the report of the Commission on Human Settlements on the work of its seventeenth session (5-14 May 1999)

The Committee had before it document A/54/8, which contained resolution 17/I.

A question was raised by the representative of Côte d'Ivoire.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Alexandru Niculescu (Romania), responded to the question raised.

The Committee then agreed to recommend to the General Assembly for adoption, resolution 17/I.

Environment and sustainable development [100]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.17 and L.67

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Daúl Matute (Peru), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.67.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.17 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

(e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.8 and L.62

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item and the Secretary of the Committee read out a statement of programme budget implications on draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.62.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Daúl Matute (Peru), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.62, on behalf of the Chairman of the Committee, H.E. Mr. Roble Olhaye (Djibouti).

The representative of Benin amended the text.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally amended.

Draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.8 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 100 (e) and of agenda item 100 as a whole.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 41st meeting

The Committee observed a minute of silence in tribute to the memory of Mr. Adrien Teirlinck (Belgium), Chairman of the Fifth Committee during the forty-ninth session of the General Assembly.

The representative of Belgium made a statement.

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [121]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/54/L.27

The Chairman of the Committee drew the attention of the Committee to the statement submitted by the Secretary-General on the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/54/L.27 contained in document in A/C.5/54/32 and Corr.1.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions orally introduced the related report of that Committee, which would be subsequently issued as an official document of the United Nations.

Statements were made by the representatives of Guatemala, Canada, Brazil and the United States.

The Director of the Budget Division replied to questions raised.

The Secretary of the Committee replied to a question raised.

The Chairman made a statement.

Following a discussion on a proposal made by the representative of Canada, the representative of Guatemala spoke on a point of procedure.

The Chairman made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba, Mexico and Costa Rica.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend to the General Assembly, that should it adopt draft resolution A/54/L.27, the requirements of $27,694,300 would be charged against the provision of $90,387,200 for special political missions requested in section 3 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

The representative of Canada made a statement.

The Chairman also made a statement.

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/54/L.24/Rev.1

The Chairman of the Committee drew the attention of the Committee to the statement submitted by the Secretary-General on the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/54/L.24/Rev.1 contained in document in A/C.5/54/34.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions orally introduced the related report of that Committee, which would be subsequently issued as an official document of the United Nations.

The representative of the United States made a statement.

The Director of the Budget Division replied to a question raised.

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.6/54/L.7/Rev.1

The Chairman of the Committee drew the attention of the Committee to the statement submitted by the Secretary-General on the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.6/54/L.7/Rev.1 contained in document A/C.5/54/35.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions orally introduced the related report of that Committee, which would be subsequently issued as an official document of the United Nations.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States and Egypt.

The Director of the Budget Division replied to a questions raised.

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.42/Rev.1

The Chairman of the Committee drew the attention of the Committee to the statement submitted by the Secretary-General on the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.42/Rev.1 contained in document in A/C.5/54/31 and to the observations of the Committee on Conferences contained in document A/C.5/54/31/Add.1.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions orally introduced the related report of that Committee, which would be subsequently issued as an official document of the United Nations.

Statements were made by the representatives of China, Japan, the Bahamas, the United States, Kenya, South Africa, Zambia, the Sudan, Israel, Argentina, Ethiopia and Cuba.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions made an additional statement.

The Director of the Budget Division replied to questions raised.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement and drew the attention of the Committee to the programme of work for the week of 6-10 December 1999.

Statements were made by the representatives of Morocco, the United Republic of Tanzania, Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Algeria, Kenya, the Philippines, Finland, Egypt, Kuwait, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Syrian Arab Republic, Cuba, Côte d'Ivoire and Uganda.

The Secretary of the Committee replied to a question raised.

The Chairman also made a statement.

Other matters

The Assistant Secretary-General for Central Support Services replied to questions raised at the 39th meeting of the Fifth Committee held on Friday, 19 November 1999.

Statements were made by the representatives of Costa Rica, Algeria, New Zealand and Cuba.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC,
SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS
Twenty-first session
United Nations Office at Geneva

FRIDAY, 3 DECEMBER 1999

56th meeting

Adoption of the report of the Committee [10]

The Committee considered and adopted its report to the Economic and Social Council.

The Committee thus concluded its twenty-first session.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. London, 29 June 1990

Accession: Syrian Arab Republic (30 November 1999)*

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. Copenhagen, 25 November 1992

Accession: Syrian Arab Republic (30 November 1999)*

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer adopted by the Ninth Meeting of the Parties. Montreal, 17 September 1997

Accession: Syrian Arab Republic (30 November 1999)*

International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings. New York, 15 December 1997

Signature: Republic of Korea (3 December 1999)

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* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Background briefings

In addition to the daily noon press briefing given by the Spokesman for the Secretary-General, all background briefings given to the press may now be viewed by delegations in Viewing Room 4, which is located in the corridor connecting the Viennese Cafe with the public concourse.

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International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

Exhibit

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, in cooperation with the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations, will present a Palestinian art exhibit entitled "Follow the Star: Images from the Palestinian City of Bethlehem at the New Millennium", in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People. The exhibit will be displayed until Sunday, 12 December 1999, at the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building.

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Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of December 1999 has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Cameroun
H.E. Mr. Martin Belinga-Eboutou

Asian States:
Bangladesh
H.E. Mr. Anwarul Karim Chowdhury

Eastern European States:
Czech Republic
H.E. Mr. Vladimir Galuška

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Saint Lucia
H.E. Mr. Julian Robert Hunte

Western European and other States:
Luxembourg
H.E. Mr. Hubert Wurth

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 7 December 1999

SECURITY COUNCIL

3.30 p.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Cyprus

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Operation in Cyprus (S/1999/1203)

Other matters

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

10 a.m.	72nd PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

1. Return or restitution of cultural property to the countries of origin [24]:

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/436)

   (b) Draft resolution (A/54/L.47)

(continued overleaf)

2. Operational activities for development of the United Nations system [101 (a)]: follow-up to the World Summit for Children: draft resolution (A/54/L.51)

3. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity [31]:

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/484)

   (b) Draft resolution (A/54/L.38)

4. Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance [20]:

   (a) Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations: draft resolution (A/54/L.54)

   (b) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions: draft resolutions (A/54/L.49, A/54/L.53, A/54/L.56, A/54/L.57)

   (c) Strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster: draft resolution (A/54/L.22/Rev.1)

   (d) Participation of volunteers, 'White Helmets', in activities of the United Nations in the field of humanitarian relief, rehabilitation and technical cooperation for development: draft resolution (A/54/L.34/Rev.1)

5. The situation in Central America: procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace and progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development [47]:

   (a) Draft resolution (A/54/L.27)

   (b) Report of the Fifth Committee (A/54/651)

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	47th meeting	Conference Room 2

1. Sectoral policy questions [98]

   (b) Business and development

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.35 and L.68

2. Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [99]

   (b) Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II)

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.13 and L.66

3. Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006) [105]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.3 and L.69

Afternoon*-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2

1. Informal consultations under the Chairmanship of Mr. Alexandru Niculescu (Romania), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.34 *(item 98 (b))* and A/C.2/54/L.39 *(item 99 (f))*

2. Informal consultations under the Chairmanship of Mr. Giovanni Brauzzi (Italy), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.36 *(item 97 (c))*, A/C.2/54/L.38 *(item 97 (b))*, A/C.2/54/L.2 *(item 97 (e))*, A/C.2/54/L.19 *(item 104)*

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* Immediately following the adjournment of the 47th meeting of the Committee.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	43rd meeting	Conference Room 3

Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo [166] (A/54/494 and Corr.1 and A/54/622)

Conclusion of general discussion

Morning*-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 117 (Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors (A/54/5/Add.5, A/54/140 and Add.1, A/54/159 and Corr.1, A/54/164, A/54/165, A/54/441, A/C.5/54/3 and A/54/7))

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 166 Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (A/54/494 and Corr.1 and A/54/622))

6.30 p.m.-9.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
9.30 p.m.-12.30 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 121 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 (A/54/6/Rev.1, Vol. I, II and III, A/54/7, A/54/16, A/C.5/54/18, A/C.5/54/19, A/53/833, A/C.5/54/20, A/C.5/54/16, A/54/643, A/C.5/54/15, A/C.5/54/27, A/C.5/54/17, A/C.5/54/21, A/53/955, A/C.5/54/25, A/53/794, A/C.5/54/14, A/C.5/51/57 and A/52/7/Add.2))

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* Following the adjournment of the 43rd meeting of the Fifth Committee.

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PREPARATORY COMMISSION FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

Third session

9 a.m.-11 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on the rules of procedure and evidence (Part 7 of the Statute)

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on the rules of procedure and evidence (Part 4 of the Statute)

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on elements of crimes

WORKING GROUP ON ELEMENTS OF CRIME

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Conference Room 4

WORKING GROUP ON RULES OF PROCEDURE AND EVIDENCE RELATED TO PART 2 OF THE STATUTE

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	Conference Room 4

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Development Account

2. International Trade Centre

3. United Nations Civilian Police Mission in Haiti (MIPONUH)

4. Executive session on the second performance report

5. Executive session on the revised estimates: effect of changes in rates of exchange and inflation

6. Draft report

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 162

There will be a meeting to discuss General Assembly draft resolution A/54/L.7 on agenda item 162 (Observer status for the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources in the General Assembly), to be held *today*, 7 December 1999, at 9.30 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Informal consultations on agenda item 39

There will be a meeting of co-sponsors of the General Assembly resolution on the "Code of Democratic Conduct", under item 39 (Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies) *today*, 7 December 1999, at 10 a.m. in Room S-3527B.

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (b)

Informal consultations on the draft resolution under agenda item 20 (b) entitled "Emergency assistance to the Sudan" will be held *today*, 7 December 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Informal meeting on agenda item 30

The Permanent Mission of Norway (as Chairman-in-office of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe), invites the permanent delegations of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe member states to an information and co-sponsor meeting on the draft resolution on cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, to be held *today*, 7 December 1999, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 3.

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (b)

The delegation of Ukraine, on behalf of co-sponsors, invites all interested delegations to informal consultations on the draft resolution on the economic assistance to the Eastern European States affected by the recent developments in the Balkan region, to be held *today*, 7 December 1999, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Informal consultations on agenda item 42

Informal consultations of co-sponsors and interested delegations on agenda item 42 (The situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina) will be held *today*, 7 December 1999, at 4 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Percy Metsing Mangoaela (Lesotho), *today*, 7 December 1999, at 10 a.m. sharp in Conference Room 1.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Tuesday, 7 December 1999

ARAB GROUP OF THE PREPARATORY COMMISSION FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

9 a.m.-9.45 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

9 a.m.-10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(coordination meeting: trade and development (A/C.2/54/L.36); and other pending issues)

1.30 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7
6 p.m.-8 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT:

WORKING GROUP ON DISARMAMENT

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

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United Nations Institute for Training and Research

BRIEFING ON THE SECURITY COUNCIL FOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

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There will be a Donors' Conference for the Mine Action Programme in Croatia, organized by the Mine Action Service, Office of Planning of Support, Department of Peacekeeping Operations, and the United Nations Development Programme, *today*, 7 December 1999, from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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Workshops

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing, jointly with the German Management Academy (DMAN) and with support from the Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE), the second session in the series entitled "Public-Private Partnerships for Sustainable Development". Session II will be on "Financing for Development Through Public-Private Partnership." The workshop will be held on the following dates: *today*, 7 December 1999, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room A; and *tomorrow*, 8 December, from 9.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m.

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There will be a technical workshop, organized by the Department for Disarmament Affairs, in collaboration with the Program on Security and Development (SAND) of the Monterey Institute of International Studies (MIIS) and the Bonn International Center for Conversion (BICC), *today*, 7 December 1999, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 7, to discuss a draft Light Weapons Field Guide for Development and Humanitarian Relief Workers being developed by SAND and BICC. The workshop will be chaired by the Under-Secretary-General for Disarmament Affairs, Mr. Jayantha Dhanapala. Members of permanent missions and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend. Copies of the draft Field Guide may be retrieved from the office of Mr. David Biggs, Conventional Arms Branch, Department for Disarmament Affairs (room S-3170G; tel.: (212) 963-5598).

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Announcement

As from Wednesday, 1 December 1999, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, 8 December 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

10 a.m. — 73rd PLENARY MEETING — General Assembly Hall

Causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa [46]:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/133)

(b) Letter from the President of the Economic and Social Council addressed to the President of the General Assembly (A/54/513)

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	44th meeting	Conference Room 3
6.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
9.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 20

The Permanent Mission of Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, and Mexico) invites all interested delegations to informal consultations on the draft resolution on "International cooperation on humanitarian assistance in the field of natural disasters from relief to development", to be held on Wednesday, 8 December 1999, from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 7, and on Thursday, 9 December 1999, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber, as well as on Friday, 10 December 1999, and on Monday, 13 December 1999, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Informal consultations on agenda item 24

The Permanent Mission of Greece invites all interested delegations to informal consultations on the draft resolution on "Return or restitution of cultural property to the countries of origin", to be held on Wednesday, 8 December 1999, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room E.

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The Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East will meet on Wednesday, 8 December 1999, at 11 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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A brief resumed third session of the Preparatory Committee for the 2000 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) will be held under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Camilo Reyes Rodríguez (Colombia), Chairman of the third session of the Preparatory Committee, for the purpose of taking a decision on the nomination for the presidency of the 2000 Review Conference, on Wednesday, 8 December 1999, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

In view of the continuation of the work of the Second Committee, the meeting of the Economic and Social Council scheduled for Thursday, 9 December, has been postponed to Tuesday, 14 December, at 10.30 a.m. Accordingly, informal consultations by the President of the Council, H.E. Mr. F. Paolo Fulci (Italy), will be held on Friday, 10 December, and Monday, 13 December, at 10.30 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional agenda will be as follows:

1. Report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the Administrative Committee on Coordination (E/1999/123 and Add.1)

2. International cooperation in tax matters (E/1999/84)

3. Programme of work for the Committee on Development Policy (E/1999/33)

4. Advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the difference relating to immunity from legal process of a Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights (E/1999/121)

5. Strengthening the role of the Economic and Social Council as the central mechanism for the coordination of the activities of the specialized agencies (Articles 63 and 64 of the Charter of the United Nations)

6. Election of five members of the Executive Board of the World Food Programme

   Election of two members of the Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting

7. Other matters

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An informal briefing on the preparations for the fourth session of the Intergovernmental Forum on Forests of the Commission on Sustainable Development will be given by H.E. Mr. Bagher Asadi (Islamic Republic of Iran), Co-chairman of the Intergovernmental Forum on Forests. The briefing will be held on Friday, 17 December 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

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United Nations Development Programme

The United Nations Development Programme will hold informal consultations on the *Human Development Report 2000* on Friday, 10 December 1999, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 7. Interested delegations are invited to attend.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETING OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be an extraordinary meeting of the Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement *(at the ambassadorial level)* on Wednesday, 8 December 1999, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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There will be a meeting of the Group of Interested States in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 52/38 G on "Consolidation of Peace through Practical Disarmament Measures" on Wednesday, 8 December 1999, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in Conference Room E. The meeting will review the status of ongoing projects of practical disarmament and will hear new proposals in this field. The meeting is open to all interested delegations.

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Panel discussion

The Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women will be opened for signature on Friday, 10 December 1999, at the United Nations Headquarters.

On the same day, a panel discussion on the Optional Protocol will take place at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The Secretary-General of the United Nations will make an opening statement. Panellists will include: Ms. Aída González Martínez, Chairperson of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), Ms. Aloisia Wörgetter, Chairperson of the Optional Protocol Working Group, The Honourable Sujata Manohar, former Judge of the Supreme Court of India, Ms. Fauziya Kassindja, Equality Now, and Mr. Bacre Waly Ndiaye, Director of the New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights. Ms. Angela E.V. King, Special Adviser on Gender Issues and the Advancement of Women, will moderate the panel discussion.

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend these events.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Monday, 6 December 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

70th plenary meeting

Adoption of the agenda of the fifty-fourth session of the General Assembly and allocation of items [8]:

(a) Third report of the General Committee (A/54/250/Add.2)

The General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of the fifty-fourth session an additional item entitled "International recognition of the day of Vesak" and to consider the item directly in plenary meeting.

(b) Request for the inclusion of an additional item: note by the Secretary-General (A/54/236 and Add.1)

The Assembly decided to waive the provision of rule 40 of its rules of procedure and further decided, on the proposal of the Secretary-General, to include in the agenda of the fifty-fourth session an additional item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor" and to allocate the item to the Fifth Committee.

(c) Request for the reopening of the consideration of agenda item 15 (c): note by the Secretary-General (A/54/624)

The General Assembly, on the proposal of the Secretary-General, decided to reopen agenda item 15 (c).

Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe: report of the Secretary-General (A/54/537 and Corr.1) [30]

Statements were made by H.E. Mr. Knut Vollebaek, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Norway; by the representatives of Lithuania, Finland (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania Slovakia and Slovenia), Ukraine, Kazakhstan, Slovakia, the Russian Federation, the Republic of Moldova, Austria and Belarus.

The Assembly was informed that a draft resolution under this item would be submitted at a later date.

Multilingualism [23]:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/478)

(b) Draft resolution (A/54/L.37)

The representative of France made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/54/L.37.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic, Côte d'Ivoire, Monaco; H.E. Mr. Albert Pintat Santolària, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Andorra; by the representatives of Au. tria, Hungary, the Russian Federation and Haiti.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/54/L.37 (resolution 54/64).

Statements in explanation of vote were made by the representatives of Thailand and Japan.

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 23.

Cooperation between the United Nations and the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization: draft resolution (A/54/L.48) [167]

The representative of Austria made a statement in the course of which she introduced draft resolution A/54/L.48.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/54/L.48 (resolution 54/65)

Statements in explanation of vote were made by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 167.

Programme of work

The attention of the General Assembly was drawn to the latest programme of work of the Assembly contained in document A/INF/54/3/Add. 4.

71st plenary meeting

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples [18]:

(a) Report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (A/54/23 (Parts I-III))

(b) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/54/119, A/54/219, A/54/337)

(c) Draft resolutions (A/54/L.50, A/54/23 (Part III), Chapter XIII, Section G, para.7)

The Rapporteur of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples made a statement in the course of which he introduced the Committee's report (A/54/23).

The representative of Papua New Guinea made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/54/L.50.

Statements were made by the representatives of Antigua and Barbuda (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), Cuba and Fiji.

Members were informed that action on the draft resolutions submitted under this item would be taken after the General Assembly had considered the reports of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee).

Reports of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

The Rapporteur of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) made a statement in the course of which he introduced the reports of the Committee on agenda items 86 to 92, 93 and 18, 94 and 12, 95, 96 as well as 18.

Effects of atomic radiation: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/54/573) [86]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in paragraph 7 of its report (A/54/573) (resolution 54/66).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 86.

International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/54/574) [87]

The General Assembly adopted draft resolutions I and II recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in paragraph 13 of its report (A/54/574) (resolutions 54/67 and 54/68).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 87.

United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/54/575) [88]

The General Assembly proceeded to take action on the seven draft resolutions recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in paragraph 22 of its report (A/54/575).

	Yes	*Against*	*Abstentions*
Draft resolution I (recorded vote) (resolution 54/69)	155	1	2
Draft resolution II (resolution 54/70)		adopted	
Draft resolution III (recorded vote) (resolution 54/71)	154	2	2
Draft resolution IV (recorded vote) (resolution 54/72)	158	0	1
Draft resolution V (recorded vote) (resolution 54/73)	154	2	1
Draft resolution VI (recorded vote) (resolution 54/74)	154	2	2
Draft resolution VII (recorded vote) (resolution 54/75)	155	2	1

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 88.

Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/54/576) [89]

The General Assembly proceeded to take action on the five draft resolutions recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in paragraph 17 of its report A/54/576.

	Yes	*Against*	*Abstentions*
Draft resolution I (recorded vote) (resolution 54/76)	84	2	67
Draft resolution II (recorded vote) (resolution 54/77)	154	2	1
Draft resolution III (recorded vote) (resolution 54/78)	149	3	3
Draft resolution IV (recorded vote) (resolution 54/79)	150	2	3
Draft resolution V (recorded vote) (resolution 54/80)	150	1	5

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 89.

Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/54/577) [90]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in paragraph 9 of its report (A/54/577) (resolution 54/81).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 90.

Questions relating to information: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/54/578) [91]

The General Assembly adopted draft resolutions A and B recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in paragraph 11 of its report (A/54/578) (resolutions 54/82 A and B).

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in paragraph 12 of its report (A/54/578).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 91.

Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/54/579) [92]

By 155 to 0, with 6 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in paragraph 8 of its report (A/54/579) (resolution 54/83).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 92.

Economic and other activities which affect the interests of the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories; implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/54/580) [93 and 18]

By 153 to 2, with 5 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in paragraph 11 of its report (A/54/580) (resolution 54/84).

By 99 to 53, with 1 abstention (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in paragraph 12 of its report (A/54/580).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 93.

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 18.

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations; report of the Economic and Social Council: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/54/581) [94 and 12]

The representative of Argentina made a statement in explanation of vote before the vote.

By 101 to 0, with 52 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in paragraph 8 of its report (A/54/581) (resolution 54/85).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 94.

The Assembly concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 12.

Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/54/582) [95]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in paragraph 6 of its report (A/54/582) (resolution 54/86).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 95.

Question of East Timor: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/54/583) [96]

The General Assembly took note of the report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/54/583).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 96.

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/54/584) [18]

The General Assembly adopted draft resolutions I, II, III and IV recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization

Committee (Fourth Committee) in paragraph 23 of its report (A/54/584) (resolutions 54/87, 54/88, 54/89 and 54/90).

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in paragraph 24 of its report (A/54/584).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 18.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of all the reports of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) before it.

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples: draft resolutions (A/54/L.50, A/54/23 (Part III), Chapter XIII, Section G, para.7) [18]

By 141 votes to 2, with 14 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/54/L.50 (resolution 54/91).

By 149 votes to 2, with 3 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution contained in Part III, Chapter XIII, section G, paragraph 7 of document A/54/23 (resolution 54/92).

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of the United States and the United Kingdom.

The representative of Costa Rica made a statement on a point of order.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 18.

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE — 42nd meeting

Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo [166]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Controller introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/54/494 and Corr.1).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/54/622).

Statements were made by the representatives of China, India, the Russian Federation, Pakistan and Uganda.

The Director of the Peacekeeping Financing Division, the Chief of the Finance Management and Support Service and the Assistant Secretary-General of the Office of Planning and Support for Peacekeeping Operations replied to questions raised.

Organization of work

The Chairman of the Committee drew the attention of the Committee to a paper distributed by the Office of Internal Oversight Services on questions raised at the 31st meeting held on 9 November 1999 under item 127 (Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services).

The representative of Pakistan made a statement.

The Chairman then drew the attention of the Committee to the proposed programme of work of the Committee for the week of 6-11 December.

Statements were made by the representatives of Cameroon, Morocco, Cuba, Algeria, the Philippines, Guyana (who spoke on behalf of his own delegation as well as on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) and Pakistan.

The Secretary of the Committee replied to a question raised.

The Chairman also made a statement.

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PREPARATORY COMMISSION FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT
Third session — 10th meeting

The representatives of the Netherlands, South Africa, Norway, Lesotho and the United Republic of Tanzania reported on the progress achieved by their respective Working Groups.

The Chairman also spoke.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

International Sugar Agreement, 1992. Geneva, 20 March 1992

Extension of time-limit under article 38 (2) of the Agreement for the deposit of instruments of ratification, acceptance or approval until 31 December 2000.

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer adopted by the Ninth Meeting of the Parties. Montreal, 17 September 1997

Ratification: Poland (6 December 1999)*

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* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Briefing

On Wednesday, 8 December 1999, at 3 p.m., a briefing for the media will be held in Room S-226 to mark the fiftieth anniversary of General Assembly resolution 302 (IV) of 1949, which established the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA). The Secretary-General and the Commissioner-General of UNRWA will discuss the work and accomplishments of UNRWA during the past 50 years. Delegations are also invited to view the briefing in Viewing Room 4.

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Background briefings

In addition to the daily noon press briefing given by the Spokesman for the Secretary-General, all background briefings given to the press may now be viewed by delegations in Viewing Room 4, which is located in the corridor connecting the Viennese Cafe with the public concourse.

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International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

Exhibit

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, in cooperation with the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations, will present a Palestinian art exhibit entitled "Follow the Star: Images from the Palestinian City of Bethlehem at the New Millennium", in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People. The exhibit will be displayed until Sunday, 12 December 1999, at the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building.

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Wednesday, 8 December 1999

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Iraq

Other matters

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

AD HOC COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND WORKS AGENCY FOR PALESTINE REFUGEES IN THE NEAR EAST

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	1st meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

10 a.m.	73rd PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall
3.30 p.m.	74th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

1. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity [31]:

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/484)

   (b) Draft resolution (A/54/L.38)

2. Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance [20]:

   (a) Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations: draft resolution (A/54/L.54)

   (b) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions: draft resolutions (A/54/L.49, A/54/L.53, A/54/L.56, A/54/L.57)

   (c) Strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster: draft resolution (A/54/L.22/Rev.1)

   (d) Participation of volunteers, 'White Helmets', in activities of the United Nations in the field of humanitarian relief, rehabilitation and technical cooperation for development: draft resolution (A/54/L.34/Rev.1)

3. The situation in Central America: procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace and progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development [47]:

   (a) Draft resolution (A/54/L.27)

   (b) Report of the Fifth Committee (A/54/651)

4. Causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa [46]:

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/133)

   (b) Letter from the President of the Economic and Social Council addressed to the President of the General Assembly (A/54/513)

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2

1. Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Daúl Matute (Peru), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.69 *(item 105)*

2. Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Alexandru Niculescu (Romania), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.39 *(item 99 (f))*

3. Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Giovanni Brauzzi (Italy), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.38 *(item 97 (b))* and A/C.2/54/L.19 *(item 104)*

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 121 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 (A/54/6/Rev.1, Vol. I, II and III, A/54/7, A/54/16, A/C.5/54/18, A/C.5/54/19, A/53/833, A/C.5/54/20, A/C.5/54/16, A/54/643, A/C.5/54/15, A/C.5/54/27, A/C.5/54/17, A/C.5/54/21, A/53/955, A/C.5/54/25, A/53/794, A/C.5/54/14, A/C.5/51/57 and A/52/7/Add.2))

6.30 p.m.- 9.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 166 Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (A/54/494 and Corr.1 and A/54/622))

9.30 p.m.- 12.30 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 124 (Pattern of conferences (A/54/32, A/54/176, A/54/208, A/54/221, A/54/262, A/C.5/54/28, A/53/833, A/53/919 and Corr.1 (French only), and Add.1 and Corr.1 (Russian only), and Add.2 and Corr.1 (French only), A/54/7, A/52/1000, A/52/7, A/53/257, A/51/946, A/52/685, A/53/16 and A/53/669))

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PREPARATORY COMMISSION FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

Third session

9 a.m.- 11 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on the rules of procedure and evidence (Part 7 of the Statute)

11 a.m.- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on the rules of procedure and evidence (Parts 9 and 10 of the Statute)

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on elements of crimes

6 p.m.- 8 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on the rules of procedure and evidence (Part 4 of the Statute)

WORKING GROUP ON ELEMENTS OF CRIME

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	Conference Room 4

WORKING GROUP ON RULES OF PROCEDURE AND EVIDENCE RELATED TO PART 2 OF THE STATUTE

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	Conference Room 4

WORKING GROUP ON RULES OF PROCEDURE AND EVIDENCE RELATED TO PARTS 9 AND 10 OF THE STATUTE

6 p.m.- 7 p.m.	Conference Room 4

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Support account for peacekeeping operations
2. Estimates in respect of matters before the Security Council
3. Draft reports
4. Executive session on the Development Account

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (b)

The Permanent Mission of Antigua and Barbuda (on behalf of the Caribbean Community) invites all interested delegations to informal consultations on the draft resolution on "Emergency assistance to countries affected by hurricanes José and Lenny" will be held *today*, 8 December 1999, from 9 a.m. to 10.45 a.m. in Conference Room 9.

Informal consultations on agenda item 20

The Permanent Mission of Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, and Mexico) invites all interested delegations to informal consultations on the draft resolution on "International cooperation on humanitarian assistance in the field of natural disasters from relief to development", to be held *today*, 8 December 1999, from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 7; *tomorrow*, 9 December 1999, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber, as well as on Friday, 10 December 1999, and on Monday, 13 December 1999, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Informal consultations on agenda item 39

There will be a meeting of co-sponsors of amendments (A/54/L.46) to draft resolution A/54/L.23 (Code of Democratic Conduct), under item 39 (Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies) *today*, 8 December 1999, at 11 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (b)

The Permanent Mission of Canada invites all interested delegations to informal consultations on the draft resolution on "Assistance for humanitarian relief, rehabilitation and development of East Timor", to be held *today*, 8 December 1999, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Informal consultations on agenda item 24

The Permanent Mission of Greece invites all interested delegations to informal consultations on the draft resolution on "Return or restitution of cultural property to the countries of origin", to be held *today*, 8 December 1999, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Informal consultations on agenda item 20

The Permanent Mission of Finland, on behalf of the European Union, invites all interested delegations to informal consultations on the draft resolution of the European Union on the safety and security of humanitarian personnel and the protection of the United Nations personnel, to be held *today*, 8 December 1999, at 4 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

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A brief resumed third session of the Preparatory Committee for the 2000 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) will be held under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Camilo Reyes Rodriguez (Colombia), Chairman of the third session of the Preparatory Committee, for the purpose of taking a decision on the nomination for the presidency of the 2000 Review Conference, *today*, 8 December 1999, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Wednesday, 8 December 1999

ARAB GROUP OF THE PREPARATORY COMMISSION FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

9 a.m.- 9.45 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77
(on the draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.25 (High-level international intergovernmental consideration of financing for development))

9 a.m.- 10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 1

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT
(on Sixth Committee matters)

1.15 p.m.- 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77
(coordinating meeting: draft resolution: international trade and development (A/C.2/54/L.36)

1.30 p.m.- 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

1.45 p.m.- 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT:

COORDINATING BUREAU
(extraordinary meeting)

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77
(coordinating meeting: draft resolutions: globalization (A/C.2/54/L.19); financing of development (A/C.2/54/L.38); and other pending issues)

6 p.m.- 8 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

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United Nations Institute for Training and Research

BRIEFING ON THE SECURITY COUNCIL FOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

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There will be a meeting of the Group of Interested States in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 52/38 G on "Consolidation of Peace through Practical Disarmament Measures" *today*, 8 December 1999, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in Conference Room E. The meeting will review the status of ongoing projects of practical disarmament and will hear new proposals in this field. The meeting is open to all interested delegations.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing, jointly with the German Management Academy (DMAN) and with support from the Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE), the second session in the series entitled "Public-Private Partnerships for Sustainable Development". Session II will be on "Financing for Development Through Public-Private Partnership." The workshop will be held *today*, 8 December 1999, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room A.

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Closed consultations among members of the Security Council and troop contributors to the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara (MINURSO) will be held *today*, 8 December 1999, at 4 p.m. in Conference Room 3.

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Announcement

As from Wednesday, 1 December 1999, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, 9 December 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

10 a.m. — 75th PLENARY MEETING — General Assembly Hall

1. Credentials of representatives to the fifty-fourth session of the General Assembly: second report of the Credentials Committee (A/54/475/Add.1) [3]

2. Declaration of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity on the aerial and naval military attack against the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya by the present United States Administration in April 1986 [54]

3. Armed Israeli aggression against the Iraqi nuclear installations and its grave consequences for the established international system concerning the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and international peace and security [55]

4. Consequences of the Iraqi occupation of and aggression against Kuwait [56]

5. Implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations [57]

6. Launching of global negotiations on international economic cooperation for development [58]

7. Global implications of the year 2000 date conversion problem of computers: report of the Secretary-General (A/54/525) [45]

8. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization [28]:

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/168)

   (b) Draft resolution (A/54/L.55)

3 p.m. — 76th PLENARY MEETING — General Assembly Hall

1. Convention on jurisdictional immunities of States and their property: report of the Sixth Committee (A/54/607) [152]

2. United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law: report of the Sixth Committee (A/54/608) [153]

3. Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-first session: report of the Sixth Committee (A/54/610) [155]

4. Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its thirty-second session: report of the Sixth Committee (A/54/611) [156]

5. Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country: report of the Sixth Committee (A/54/612) [157]

6. Establishment of an international criminal court: report of the Sixth Committee (A/54/613) [158]

7. Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization: report of the Sixth Committee (A/54/614) [159]

8. Measures to eliminate international terrorism: report of the Sixth Committee (A/54/615) [160]

9. Review of the Statute of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal: report of the Sixth Committee (A/54/616) [161]

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	48th meeting	Conference Room 2

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	44th meeting	Conference Room 3
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
6.30 p.m.-10 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance (item 20)

Informal consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items will be conducted by H.E. Mr. Jørgen Bøjer (Denmark) on Thursday, 9 December 1999, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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The Disarmament Commission will hold open-ended informal consultations on its substantive agenda items and other organizational matters on Monday, 13 December 1999, at 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room A.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

In view of the continuation of the work of the Second Committee, the meeting of the Economic and Social Council scheduled for Thursday, 9 December, has been postponed to Tuesday, 14 December, at 10.30 a.m. Accordingly, informal consultations by the President of the Council, H.E. Mr. F. Paolo Fulci (Italy), will be held on Friday, 10 December, and Monday, 13 December, at 10.30 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional agenda will be as follows:

1. Report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the Administrative Committee on Coordination (E/1999/123 and Add.1)
2. International cooperation in tax matters (E/1999/84)
3. Programme of work for the Committee on Development Policy (E/1999/33)
4. Advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the difference relating to immunity from legal process of a Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights (E/1999/121)
5. Strengthening the role of the Economic and Social Council as the central mechanism for the coordination of the ac-tivities of the specialized agencies (Articles 63 and 64 of the Charter of the United Nations)
6. Election of five members of the Executive Board of the World Food Programme

   Election of two members of the Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting
7. Other matters

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An informal briefing on the preparations for the fourth session of the Intergovernmental Forum on Forests of the Commission on Sustainable Development will be given by H.E. Mr. Bagher Asadi (Islamic Republic of Iran), Co-chairman of the Intergovernmental Forum on Forests. The briefing will be held on Friday, 17 December 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

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United Nations Development Programme

The United Nations Development Programme will hold informal consultations on the *Human Development Report 2000* on Friday, 10 December 1999, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 7. Interested delegations are invited to attend.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETING OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Panel discussion

The Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women will be opened for signature on Friday, 10 December 1999, at the United Nations Headquarters.

On the same day, a panel discussion on the Optional Protocol will take place at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The Secretary-General of the United Nations will make an opening statement. Panellists will include: Ms. Aída González Martínez, Chairperson of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), Ms. Aloisia Wörgetter, Chairperson of the Optional Protocol Working Group, The Honourable Sujata Manohar, former Judge of the Supreme Court of India, Ms. Fauziya Kassindja, Equality Now, and Mr. Bacre Waly Ndiaye, Director of the New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights. Ms. Angela E.V. King, Special Adviser on Gender Issues and the Advancement of Women, will moderate the panel discussion.

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend these events.

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Special meeting

In connection with the Millennium Assembly and Millennium Summit of the United Nations, a meeting of the Millennium Forum Planning Consultative Council will be held on 14 and 15 December 1999 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room D. The meeting is open to members of the Planning Consultative Council, as well as to members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Tuesday, 7 December 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

72nd plenary meeting

Return or restitution of cultural property to the countries of origin [24]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/436)

(b) Draft resolution (A/54/L.47)

The President made a statement.

The representative of Greece made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/54/L.47.

Statements were made by the representatives of Croatia, Ukraine, Cyprus, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Cambodia and Iraq.

The General Assembly was informed that action on draft resolution A/54/L.47 would be taken up at a later date.

Operational activities for development of the United Nations system [101 (a)]: *follow-up to the World Summit for Children: draft resolution (A/54/L.51)*

The representative of Pakistan made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/54/L.51.

Statements were made by the representatives of Senegal, Burkina Faso, Norway and the Russian Federation.

The Assembly adopted draft resolution A/54/L.51 (resolution 54/93).

The representative of the United States made a statement in explanation of vote.

The representative of Costa Rica made a statement on a point of order.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 101.

Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity [31]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/484)

(b) Draft resolution (A/54/L.38)

The representative of Algeria (on behalf of the Organization of African Unity) made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/54/L.38.

The representative of Finland (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Malta, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia) made a statement.

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

47th meeting

Sectoral policy questions [98]

(b) Business and development

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.35 and L.68

The Committee resumed consideration of the item.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Alexandru Niculescu (Romania), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.68.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution.

A statement was made by the representative of Nigeria.

Draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.35 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [99]

(b) Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II)

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.13 and L.66

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

The Secretary of the Committee read a statement of the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.66.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Alexandru Niculescu (Romania), introduced and orally corrected draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.66.

The representative of Kenya made a statement.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally corrected.

Draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.13 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 99 (c).

Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication 7 December 1999 of Poverty (1997-2006) [105]

Action on this item was postponed to the next meeting of the Committee.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 43rd meeting

Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo [166]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, the Philippines, the Republic of Korea, Israel, Germany and Cuba.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and the Director of the Peacekeeping Financing Division replied to questions raised

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on this agenda item.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this item would begin on the same day, 7 December, in the afternoon, under the chairmanship of Mr. Ahmed Darwish (Egypt), Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. Rome, 17 July 1998

Signature: Central African Republic (7 December 1999)

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. New York, 6 October 1999

OPENING FOR SIGNATURE

The Optional Protocol will be opened for signature at the United Nations Headquarters in New York from 10 December 1999 by any State that has signed, ratified or acceded to the Convention , in accordance with its article 15 (1).

A signature ceremony will take place on Friday, 10 December 1999 at 12 noon in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. Delegations are advised to contact the Treaty Section in advance to arrange appointments for signature (room S-3200; tel.: (212) 963-5047; fax: (212) 963-3693).

It is also advised that delegations intending to sign the Protocol submit, where necessary, full powers in advance to the Treaty Section.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Briefing

Today, 8 December 1999, at 3 p.m., a briefing for the media will be held in Room S-226 to mark the fiftieth anniversary of General Assembly resolution 302 (IV) of 1949, which established the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA). The Secretary-General and the Commissioner-General of UNRWA will discuss the work and accomplishments of UNRWA during the past 50 years. Delegations are also invited to view the briefing in Viewing Room 4.

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Film screening

The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), with the support of the Permanent Mission of Rwanda, will hold a special screening of the film "Gorillas on the Edge" *today*, 8 December 1999, from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. in Conference Room 1. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Background briefings

In addition to the daily noon press briefing given by the Spokesman for the Secretary-General, all background briefings given to the press may now be viewed by delegations in Viewing Room 4, which is located in the corridor connecting the Viennese Cafe with the public concourse.

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International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

Exhibit

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, in cooperation with the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations, will present a Palestinian art exhibit entitled "Follow the Star: Images from the Palestinian City of Bethlehem at the New Millennium", in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People. The exhibit will be displayed until Sunday, 12 December 1999, at the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE EDITOR

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Thursday, 9 December 1999

SECURITY COUNCIL

3.15 p.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Western Sahara (S/1999/1219)

Iraq

Other matters

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

10 a.m.	75th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

1. Credentials of representatives to the fifty-fourth session of the General Assembly: second report of the Credentials Committee (A/54/475/Add.1) [3]

2. Declaration of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity on the aerial and naval military attack against the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya by the present United States Administration in April 1986 [54]

3. Armed Israeli aggression against the Iraqi nuclear installations and its grave consequences for the established international system concerning the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and international peace and security [55]

4. Consequences of the Iraqi occupation of and aggression against Kuwait [56]

5. Implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations [57]

6. Launching of global negotiations on international economic cooperation for development [58]

(continued overleaf)

7. Global implications of the year 2000 date conversion problem of computers: report of the Secretary-General (A/54/525) [45]

8. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization [28]

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/168)

   (b) Draft resolution (A/54/L.55)

9. Causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa [46]:

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/133)

   (b) Letter from the President of the Economic and Social Council addressed to the President of the General Assembly (A/54/513)

3 p.m. 76th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Convention on jurisdictional immunities of States and their property: report of the Sixth Committee (A/54/607) [152]

2. United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law: report of the Sixth Committee (A/54/608) [153]

3. Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-first session: report of the Sixth Committee (A/54/610) [155]

4. Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its thirty-second session: report of the Sixth Committee (A/54/611) [156]

5. Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country: report of the Sixth Committee (A/54/612) [157]

6. Establishment of an international criminal court: report of the Sixth Committee (A/54/613) [158]

7. Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization: report of the Sixth Committee (A/54/614) [159]

8. Measures to eliminate international terrorism: report of the Sixth Committee (A/54/615) [160]

9. Review of the Statute of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal: report of the Sixth Committee (A/54/616) [161]

INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance (item 20)

3 p.m.-
4 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 8

Informal consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items will be conducted by H.E. Mr. Jørgen Bøjer (Denmark)

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

3 p.m. — 48th meeting — Conference Room 2

1. Macroeconomic policy questions [97]

   (e) External debt crisis and development

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.2 and L.71

2. Sectoral policy issues [98]

   (b) Business and development

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.34 and L.70

3. Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006) [105]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.3 and L.69

Afternoon*-6 p.m. — informal consultations (closed) — Conference Room 2

1. Informal consultations under the Chairmanship of Mr. Alexandru Niculescu (Romania), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.39 *(item 99 (f))*

2. Informal consultations under the Chairmanship of Mr. Giovanni Brauzzi (Italy), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.38 *(item 97 (b))* and A/C.2/54/L.19 *(item 104)*

3. Informal consultations under the Chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Roble Olhaye (Djibouti), Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.25 *(item 97 (a))*

* Following the adjournment of the 48th meeting of the Second Committee.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. — 44e séance — Conference Room 3

1. Report of the Economic and Social Council [12] (A/54/3, chapters I, VII (sections B and C) and IX)

   Introduction and general discussion

2. Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [121]

   (a) Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/54/L.36 (A/C.5/54/38)

   (b) Programme budget implications of draft resolution II contained in document A/54/604 (A/C.5/54/36)

   (c) Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/54/L.24/Rev.1 (A/C.5/54/34)

   (d) Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.6/54/L.7/Rev.1 (A/C.5/54/35)

   (e) Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.42/Rev.1 (A/C.5/54/31 and Add.1)

3. Questions relating to the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [121]

   (a) Construction of additional conference facilities at Addis Ababa (A/54/431 and A/54/7/Add.5)

   (b) Unforseen and extraordinary expenses (A/C.5/54/29 and A/54/7/Add.5)

   (c) Proposed abolition of two General Service posts under income section 3 (A/C.5/54/14 and A/54/7/Add.5)

   (d) Internal and external printing practices of the Organization (A/C.5/54/18 and A/54/7/Add.5)

   (e) Temporary assistance for meetings: requirements 2000-2001 (A/C.5/54/19 and A/54/7/Add.5)

   (f) Rental of United Nations premises by press and other entities (A/C.5/54/25 and A/54/7/Add.5)

   (g) Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001: section 26, Public information (A/C.5/54/27 and A/54/7/Add.5)

   (h) Use of general temporary assistance for specific positions (A/C.5/54/33 and A/54/7/Add.5)

   Introduction and general discussion

3 p.m.-6 p.m. — informal consultations (closed) — Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 121 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 (A/54/6/Rev.1, Vol. I, II and III, A/54/7, A/54/16, A/C.5/54/18, A/C.5/54/19, A/53/833, A/C.5/54/20, A/C.5/54/16, A/54/643, A/C.5/54/15, A/C.5/54/27, A/C.5/54/17, A/C.5/54/21, A/53/955, A/C.5/54/25, A/53/794, A/C.5/54/14, A/C.5/51/57, A/52/7/Add.2, A/54/431, A/C.5/54/29 and A/C.5/54/33))

6.30 p.m.- 10 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 163 (Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 48/218 B)

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PREPARATORY COMMISSION FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

Third session

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on the rules of procedure and evidence (Part 4 of the Statute)

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on elements of crimes

6 p.m.- 8 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on the rules of procedure and evidence (Parts 9 and 10 of the Statute)

WORKING GROUP ON ELEMENTS OF CRIME

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	Conference Room 4

WORKING GROUP ON RULES OF PROCEDURE AND EVIDENCE RELATED TO PART 7 OF THE STATUTE

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	Conference Room 4

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Draft reports
2. Executive session on the estimates in respect of matters before the Security Council
3. United Nations Observer Missionin Angola (MONUA)

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 35

The delegation of Finland, on behalf of the European Union, invites all interested delegations to informal consultations on the European Union draft resolution on "Assistance in mine action" *today*, 9 December 1999, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal consultation on agenda item 20 (b)

The delegation of the Russian Federation invites all interested delegations to informal consultations on the draft resolution on the assistance for humanitarian relief and the economic rehabilitation and reconstruction of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, to be held *today*, 9 December 1999, from 10.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. in Room CB-2B (Suite of Offices of Conference Room 2).

Informal consultation on agenda item 20 (b)

The delegation of Ukraine, on behalf of co-sponsors, invites all interested delegations to informal consultations on the draft resolution on the economic assistance to the Eastern European States affected by the recent developments in the Balkan region, to be held *today*, 9 December 1999, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Room C-209B.

Informal consultations on agenda item 20

The Permanent Mission of Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, and Mexico) invites all interested delegations to informal consultations on the draft resolution on "International cooperation on humanitarian assistance in the field of natural disasters from relief to development", to be held *today*, 9 December 1999, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber, as well as on Friday, 10 December 1999, and on Monday, 13 December 1999, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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Informal consultations on agenda item 20

The delegation of Finland, on behalf of the European Union, invites all interested delegations to informal consultations on the European Union draft resolution on safety and security of humanitarian personnel and the protection of the United Nations personnel, to be held *today*, 9 December 1999, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Thursday, 9 December 1999

ARAB GROUP OF THE PREPARATORY COMMISSION FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

9 a.m.-9.45 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room A

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

9 a.m.-10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

GROUP OF 77
(draft resolution: international trade and development (A/C.2/54/L.36))

9 a.m.-10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

ARAB GROUP OF THE WHOLE

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT:

COORDINATING BUREAU

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77
(on all pending issues)

6 p.m.-8 p.m	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

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United Nations Institute for Training and Research

BRIEFING ON THE SECURITY COUNCIL FOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

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Briefing

A briefing for non-governmental organizations on the theme "The 21st Century -An Era of Human Rights: The Fight Against Racism - Preparations for the World Conference", organized by the NGO Section of the Department of Public Information (DPI), will take place *today*, 9 December 1999, from 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. Representatives of non-governmental organizations, members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and the media are invited to attend. More information can be obtained on the United Nations Web site at the following address:www.un.org/MoreInfo/ngolink/dpingo.htm (or by calling (212) 963-7078 or 963-7709).

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There will be a closed meeting of police contributors to the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK), the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina (UNMIBH) and the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor (UNTAET) *today*, 9 December 1999, at 11 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The meeting will be chaired by Mr. Bernard Miyet, Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations.

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Announcement

As from Wednesday, 1 December 1999, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Friday, 10 December 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

10 a.m.	77th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

1. Dialogue among civilizations [34]
   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/546)
   (b) Draft resolution (A/54/L.60)
2. Emergency international assistance for peace, normalcy and reconstruction of war-stricken Afghanistan; the situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security [20 (f) and 50]
   (a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/54/297, A/54/378, A/54/536)
   (b) Letter from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the General Assembly (A/54/626)
   (c) Draft resolution (A/54/L.58)

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	49th meeting	Conference Room 2

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	45th meeting	Conference Room 3
Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
6.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
9.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

* Following the adjournment of the 45th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 162

There will be a meeting of all interested delegations to discuss General Assembly draft resolution A/54/L.7 on agenda item 162 (Observer status for the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources in the General Assembly), to be held on Friday, 10 December 1999, at 9.30 a.m. in Conference Room 9.

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The Disarmament Commission will hold open-ended informal consultations on its substantive agenda items and other organizational matters on Monday, 13 December 1999, at 10.30 a.m. in *Conference Room B*.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

In view of the continuation of the work of the Second Committee, the meeting of the Economic and Social Council scheduled for Thursday, 9 December, has been postponed to Tuesday, 14 December, at 10.30 a.m. Accordingly, informal consultations by the President of the Council, H.E. Mr. F. Paolo Fulci (Italy), will be held on Friday, 10 December, and Monday, 13 December, at 10.30 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional agenda will be as follows:

1. Report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the Administrative Committee on Coordination (E/1999/123 and Add.1)

2. International cooperation in tax matters (E/1999/84)

3. Programme of work for the Committee on Development Policy (E/1999/33)

4. Advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the difference relating to immunity from legal process of a Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights (E/1999/121)

5. Strengthening the role of the Economic and Social Council as the central mechanism for the coordination of the ac-tivities of the specialized agencies (Articles 63 and 64 of the Charter of the United Nations)

6. Election of five members of the Executive Board of the World Food Programme

   Election of two members of the Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting

7. Other matters

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An informal briefing on the preparations for the fourth session of the Intergovernmental Forum on Forests of the Commission on Sustainable Development will be given by H.E. Mr. Bagher Asadi (Islamic Republic of Iran), Co-chairman of the Intergovernmental Forum on Forests. The briefing will be held on Friday, 17 December 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

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United Nations Development Programme

The United Nations Development Programme will hold informal consultations on the *Human Development Report 2000* on Friday, 10 December 1999, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 7. Interested delegations are invited to attend.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETING OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Panel discussion

The Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women will be opened for signature on Friday, 10 December 1999, at the United Nations Headquarters.

On the same day, a panel discussion on the Optional Protocol will take place at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The Secretary-General of the United Nations will make an opening statement. Panellists will include: Ms. Aída González Martínez, Chairperson of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), Ms. Aloisia Wörgetter, Chairperson of the Optional Protocol Working Group, The Honourable Sujata Manohar, former Judge of the Supreme Court of India, Ms. Fauziya Kassindja, Equality Now, and Mr. Bacre Waly Ndiaye, Director of the New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights. Ms. Angela E.V. King, Special Adviser on Gender Issues and the Advancement of Women, will moderate the panel discussion.

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend these events.

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Special meeting

In connection with the Millennium Assembly and Millennium Summit of the United Nations, a meeting of the Millennium Forum Planning Consultative Council will be held on 14 and 15 December 1999 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room D. The meeting is open to members of the Planning Consultative Council, as well as to members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Wednesday, 8 December 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

73rd plenary meeting

Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity [31]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/484)

(b) Draft resolution (A/54/L.38)

The General Assembly continued its consideration on agenda item 31.

The representatives of Argentina, Côte d'Ivoire, Japan, Tunisia, Egypt, the United Republic of Tanzania, Senegal, Norway, Namibia, Ethiopia and Cameroon made a statement.

The representative of Poland made a statement on a point of order.

The Assembly adopted draft resolution A/54/L.38 (resolution 54/94).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 31.

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance [20]

(a) Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations: draft resolution (A/54/L.54)

(b) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions: draft resolutions (A/54/L.49, A/54/L.53, A/54/L.56, A/54/L.57)

(c) Strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster: draft resolution (A/54/L.22/Rev.1)

(d) Participation of volunteers, "White Helmets", in activities of the United Nations in the field of humanitarian relief, rehabilitation and technical cooperation for development: draft resolution (A/54/L.34/Rev.1)

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 20.

The representative of Sweden made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/54/L.54.

The representative of Tajikistan made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/54/L.49.

The representative of Cameroon made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/54/L.53, A/54/L.56 and A/54/L.57.

The representative of Argentina made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/54/L.34/Rev.1.

Under sub-item (a) of agenda item 20, the Assembly adopted draft resolution A/54/L.54 (resolution 54/95).

Under sub-item (b) of agenda item 20, the Assembly adopted draft resolutions A/54/L.49, A/54/L.53, A/54/L.56 and A/54/L.57 (resolutions 54/96 A, B, C and D).

Under sub-item (c) of agenda item 20, the Assembly adopted draft resolution A/54/L.22/Rev.1 (resolution 54/97).

Under sub-item (d) of agenda item 20, the Assembly adopted draft resolution A/54/L.34/Rev.1 (resolution 54/98).

The Assembly was informed that action on other draft resolutions already submitted or to be submitted under agenda item 20 would be taken at a later date to be announced.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of sub-items (c) and (d) of agenda item 20.

The situation in Central America: procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace and progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development [47]

(a) Draft resolution (A/54/L.27)

(b) Report of the Fifth Committee (A/54/651)

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 47.

The representative of Guatemala made a statement on a point of order.

The Assembly adopted draft resolution A/54/L.27 (resolution 54/99).

The representative of Guatemala made a statement.

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 47.

Postponement of the date of recess

The General Assembly decided to postpone the date of recess from Tuesday, 14 December 1999, to Friday, 17 December 1999.

74th plenary meeting

Causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa [46]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/133)

(b) Letter from the President of the Economic and Social Council addressed to the President of the General Assembly (A/54/513)

The Secretary-General made a statement.

The General Assembly decided to hear the observer of the Holy See in the debate on agenda item 46.

Statements were made by the representatives of Algeria (on behalf of the Organization of African Unity), Senegal, Cameroon (on behalf of the African States), Burkina Faso, South Africa, Egypt, Côte d'Ivoire, India, Malaysia, Finland (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), Indonesia and Botswana.

Programme of work

The General Assembly was informed that it would consider the reports of the Third Committee on Friday, 17 December 1999, in the morning.

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Corrigendum to the summary of the 69th plenary meeting of the General Assembly (see *Journal* No. 1999/232, p.12): under agenda item 78, the following text should be inserted before the last paragraph:

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 12 of its report (A/54/565).

Committees

AD HOC COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND WORKS AGENCY FOR PALESTINE REFUGEES IN THE NEAR EAST — 1st meeting

The President of the General Assembly opened the meeting and made a statement.

The Commissioner-General of UNRWA made an opening statement.

Statements and announcements regarding pledges were made by the following representatives or observers: Norway, Netherlands, Italy, Cyprus, Spain, Luxembourg, European Community, Japan, United States, Canada, Denmark, Tunisia, Sweden, Republic of Korea, Greece, Switzerland, United Arab Emirates, Malaysia, India, Austria, China, Turkey, Bahrain, Kuwait, Germany, United Kingdom, Mexico and Finland.

The observer of Palestine made a statement.

The Commissioner-General of UNRWA made a closing statement.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks. New York, 4 August 1995

Ratification: United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (in respect of certain United Kingdom Overseas Territories) (3 December 1999)*

Protocol to the 1979 Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution to Abate Acidification, Eutrophication and Ground-level Ozone. Gothenburg (Sweden), 30 November 1999

Signature: Armenia (1 December 1999)
Signature: Austria (1 December 1999)
Signature: Bulgaria (1 December 1999)
Signature: Canada (1 December 1999)
Signature: Croatia (1 December 1999)
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Signature: Switzerland (1 December 1999)
Signature: United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (1 December 1999)
Signature: United States of America (1 December 1999)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Staff Council

There will be a meeting of the Staff Council *today*, 9 December 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The meeting is open to staff members only.

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Special event

To mark Human Rights Day, a panel discussion, organized by the United Nations Staff Council's Standing Committee on the Security and Independence of the International Civil Service (CSIICS), will take place *today*, 9 December 1999, at 1.30 p.m. in Conference Room 8, with the participation of Mr. Giandomenico Picco, Personal Representative of the Secretary-General, Ms. Mehri Madarshahi, President of the Staff Council, and Mr. Julio Grieco, Office of the Security Coordinator. Mr. Ian Williams, United Nations correspondent, will be the moderator. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Background briefings

In addition to the daily noon press briefing given by the Spokesman for the Secretary-General, all background briefings given to the press may now be viewed by delegations in Viewing Room 4, which is located in the corridor connecting the Viennese Cafe with the public concourse.

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International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

Exhibit

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, in cooperation with the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations, will present a Palestinian art exhibit entitled "Follow the Star: Images from the Palestinian City of Bethlehem at the New Millennium", in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People. The exhibit will be displayed until Sunday, 12 December 1999, at the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building.

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Change of address

As of Monday, 13 December 1999, the New York headquarters of the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS) will be located at the following address: The Chrysler Building, 405 Lexington Avenue, 4th Floor, New York, N.Y. 10174 (tel.: (212) 457-4000; fax: (212) 457-4001). The Office will be closed on Friday, 10 December 1999.

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Friday, 10 December 1999

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.15 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Iraq (oil-for-food) (S/1999/1230)*

10.30 a.m.	4078th meeting**	Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Sierra Leone

   First report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone (UNAMSIL) (S/1999/1223)

4 p.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Iraq

Other matters

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* With a view to a formal meeting to be held following the adjournment of the 4078th meeting.

** Briefing by the Secretariat.

MILITARY STAFF COMMITTEE

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	1419th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 9

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

10 a.m.	77th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall
3 p.m.	78th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

1. Dialogue among civilizations [34]

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/546)

   (b) Draft resolution (A/54/L.60)

2. Emergency international assistance for peace, normalcy and reconstruction of war-stricken Afghanistan; the situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security [20 (f) and 50]

   (a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/54/297, A/54/378, A/54/536)

   (b) Letter from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the General Assembly (A/54/626)

   (c) Draft resolution (A/54/L.58)

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2

1. Informal consultations under the Chairmanship of Mr. Alexandru Niculescu (Romania), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.39 *(item 99 (f))*

2. Informal consultations under the Chairmanship of Mr. Giovanni Brauzzi (Italy), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.19 *(item 104)* and A/C.2/54/L.36 *(item 97 (c))*

3. Informal consultations under the Chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Roble Olhaye (Djibouti), Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.25 *(item 97 (a))*

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	45th meeting	Conference Room 3

1. Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 [142] (A/54/120, A/54/395, A/54/518 and Corr.1, A/C.5/54/30 and A/54/645)

   Introduction and general discussion

2. Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons responsible Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 [143] (A/54/496 and Corr.1, A/54/521, A/C.5/54/30, A/54/30 and A/54/646)

   Introduction and general discussion

3. Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations [151]

   (a) Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations

   Death and disability benefits (A/C.5/54/13)

   Placement of new Member States for peacekeeping assessments

   Introduction and general discussion

4. Financial reports and audited financial statements and reports of the Board of Auditors [117]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.15

Morning*- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 151 (Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: (a) Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: Placement of new Member States for peacekeeping assessments)

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 121 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 (A/54/6/Rev.1, Vol. I, II and III, A/54/7, A/54/16, A/C.5/54/18, A/C.5/54/19, A/53/833, A/C.5/54/20, A/C.5/54/16, A/54/643, A/C.5/54/15, A/C.5/54/27, A/C.5/54/17, A/C.5/54/21, A/53/955, A/C.5/54/25, A/53/794, A/C.5/54/14, A/C.5/51/57, A/52/7/Add.2, A/54/431, A/C.5/54/29 and A/C.5/54/33))

6.30 p.m.- 9.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
9.30 p.m.- 12.30 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 166 (Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (A/54/494 and Corr.1 and A/54/622)

* Following the adjournment of the 45th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

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PREPARATORY COMMISSION FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

Third session

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on the rules of procedure and evidence (Part 2 of the Statute)

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on elements of crimes

WORKING GROUP ON RULES OF PROCEDURE AND EVIDENCE RELATED TO PART 2 OF THE STATUTE

3 p.m.- 4.30 p.m.	Conference Room 4

WORKING GROUP ON RULES OF PROCEDURE AND EVIDENCE RELATED TO PARTS 9 AND 10 OF THE STATUTE

4.30 p.m.- 6 p.m.	Conference Room 4

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Draft report
2. Meeting with the Director of the Programme Planning and Budget Division

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Informal consultations

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

Informal consultations by the President of the Council, H.E. Mr. F. Paolo Fulci (Italy), on the following items:

1. Report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the Administrative Committee on Coordination (E/1999/123 and Add.1)
2. International cooperation in tax matters (E/1999/84)

3. Programme of work for the Committee on Development Policy (E/1999/33)

4. Advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the difference relating to immunity from legal process of a Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights (E/1999/121)

5. Strengthening the role of the Economic and Social Council as the central mechanism for the coordination of the activities of the specialized agencies (Articles 63 and 64 of the Charter of the United Nations)

6. Election of five members of the Executive Board of the World Food Programme

   Election of two members of the Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting

7. Other matters

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 162

There will be a meeting of all interested delegations to discuss General Assembly draft resolution A/54/L.7 on agenda item 162 (Observer status for the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources in the General Assembly), to be held *today*, 10 December 1999, from 9.30 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room 9.

Informal consultations on agenda item 20

The Permanent Mission of Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, and Mexico) invites all interested delegations to informal consultations on the draft resolution on "International cooperation on humanitarian assistance in the field of natural disasters from relief to development", to be held *today*, 10 December, and Monday, 13 December 1999, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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United Nations Development Programme

The United Nations Development Programme will hold informal consultations on the *Human Development Report 2000 today*, 10 December 1999, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 7. Interested delegations are invited to attend.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Friday, 10 December 1999

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

9 a.m.-10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5
1.45 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(draft resolution : international trade and development (A/C.2/54/L.36))

9 a.m.-10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 4

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(draft resolution : financing of development (A/C.2/54/L.38))

10.30 a.m.-12 noon	closed meeting	Conference Room 4

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(draft resolution: international cooperation on humanitarian assistance in the field of natural disasters from relief to development)

1.30 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

ARAB GROUP OF THE PREPARATORY COMMISSION FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

2 p.m.-3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

AFRICAN GROUP:

GROUP OF EXPERTS ON ECONOMIC MATTERS

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77
(coordination meeting: on other pending issues)

6 p.m.-8 p.m	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

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Panel discussion

A panel discussion on the Optional Protocol will take place *today*, 10 December 1999, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The Secretary-General of the United Nations will make an opening statement. Panellists will include: Ms. Aída González Martínez, Chairperson of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), Ms. Aloisia Wörgetter, Chairperson of the Optional Protocol Working Group, The Honourable Sujata Manohar, former Judge of the Supreme Court of India, Ms. Fauziya Kassindja, Equality Now, and Mr. Bacre Waly Ndiaye, Director of the New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights. Ms. Angela E.V. King, Special Adviser on Gender Issues and the Advancement of Women, will moderate the panel discussion.

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend these events.

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Announcement

As from Wednesday, 1 December 1999, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Saturday, 11 December 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

11 a.m.- 2 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Monday, 13 December 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

10 a.m.	79th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

1. The situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina [42]

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/549)

   (b) Draft resolutions (A/54/L.62, A/54/L.63)

2. Global implications of the year 2000 date conversion problem of computers [45]

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/525)

   (b) Draft resolution (A/54/L.61)

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	49th meeting	Conference Room 2	3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
			6.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	46th meeting	Conference Room 3	9.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance (item 20)

Informal consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items will be conducted by H.E. Mr. Jørgen Bøjer (Denmark) on Monday, 13 December 1999, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8

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The Disarmament Commission will hold open-ended informal consultations on its substantive agenda items and other organizational matters on Monday, 13 December 1999, at 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room B.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

An informal briefing on the preparations for the fourth session of the Intergovernmental Forum on Forests of the Commission on Sustainable Development will be given by H.E. Mr. Bagher Asadi (Islamic Republic of Iran), Co-chairman of the Intergovernmental Forum on Forests. The briefing will be held on Friday, 17 December 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETING OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the Arab Group of the Whole *(at the ambassadorial level)* on Monday, 20 December 1999, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 8.

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Special meeting

In connection with the Millennium Assembly and Millennium Summit of the United Nations, a meeting of the Millennium Forum Planning Consultative Council will be held on 14 and 15 December 1999 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room D. The meeting is open to members of the Planning Consultative Council, as well as to members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations.

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Briefing

The Chairman of the Preparatory Committee of the General Assembly on the Implementation of the Outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and Further Initiatives, H. E. Mr. Cristian Maquieira (Chile), and the Chairman of the Commission for Social Development, Mr. Aurelio Fernández (Spain), will conduct a consultative briefing with delegations in relation to the preparation of the thirty-eighth session of the Commission for Social Development (8-17 February 2000) and on preparations for the special session. The briefing will be held at on Thursday, 16 December 1999, at 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room 1.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Thursday, 9 December 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

75th plenary meeting

Credentials of representatives to the fifty-fourth session of the General Assembly: second report of the Credentials Committee (A/54/475/Add.1) [3]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Credentials Committee in paragraph 10 of its second report (A/54/475/Add.1) (resolution 54/6 B).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 3.

Declaration of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity on the aerial and naval military attack against the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya by the present United States Administration in April 1986 [54]

The General Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item and to include it in the provisional agenda of the fifty-fifth session.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 54.

Armed Israeli aggression against the Iraqi nuclear installations and its grave consequences for the established international system concerning the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and international peace and security [55]

The General Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item and to include it in the provisional agenda of the fifty-fifth session.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 55.

Consequences of the Iraqi occupation of and aggression against Kuwait [56]

The General Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item and to include it in the provisional agenda of the fifty-fifth session.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 56.

Implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations [57]

The General Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item and to include it in the provisional agenda of the fifty-fifth session.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 57.

Launching of global negotiations on international economic cooperation for development [58]

The General Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item and to include it in the provisional agenda of the fifty-fifth session.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 58.

Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization [28]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/168)

(b) Draft resolution (A/54/L.55)

The representative of Azerbaijan made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/54/L.55.

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran made a statement.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/54/L.55 (resolution 54/100).

The representative of the United States made a statement in explanation of vote.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 28.

Causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa [46]:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/133)

(b) Letter from the President of the Economic and Social Council addressed to the President of the General Assembly (A/54/513)

The General Assembly continued its consideration of agenda item 46.

Statements were made by the representatives of Argentina, the Republic of Korea, Norway, Japan, China, Mozambique, Colombia, Gabon, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Namibia, Angola, Eritrea, Uganda and Nigeria.

In accordance with the decision taken by the General Assembly at its 74th plenary meeting, the observer of the Holy See made a statement.

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Ethiopia and Eritrea.

The Assembly was informed that a draft resolution under agenda item 46 would be submitted at a later date.

Programme of work

The General Assembly was informed that agenda item 38 (Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters) would be considered on Thursday, 16 December 1999, in the morning.

76th plenary meeting

Reports of the Sixth Committee

The Rapporteur of the Sixth Committee introduced the reports of the Committee on agenda items 152 to 153 and 155 to 161.

Convention on jurisdictional immunities of States and their property: report of the Sixth Committee (A/54/607) [152]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 11 of its report (A/54/607) (resolution 54/101).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 152.

United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law: report of the Sixth Committee (A/54/608) [153]

The representative of Solomon Islands made a statement in explanation of vote.

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/54/608) (resolution 54/102).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 153.

Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its thirty-second session: report of the Sixth Committee (A/54/611) [156]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/54/611) (resolution 54/103).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 156.

Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country: report of the Sixth Committee (A/54/612) [157]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/54/612) (resolution 54/104).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 157.

Establishment of the International Criminal Court: report of the Sixth Committee (A/54/613) [158]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/54/613) (resolution 54/105).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 158.

Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization: report of the Sixth Committee (A/54/614) [159]

The General Assembly adopted draft resolutions I, II and III recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 15 of its report (A/54/614) (resolutions 54/106, 54/107 and 54/108).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 159.

Measures to eliminate international terrorism: report of the Sixth Committee (A/54/615) [160]

The representative of Cuba made a statement in explanation of vote before the vote.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution I recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 13 of its report (A/54/615) (resolution 54/109).

By 149 votes to 0, with 2 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted draft resolution II recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 13 of its report (A/54/615) (resolution 54/110).

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of the Russian Federation and Lebanon.

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 160.

Review of the Statute of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal: report of the Sixth Committee (A/54/616) [161]

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 10 of its report (A/54/616).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 161.

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-first session: [155]

(a) Report of the Sixth Committee (A/54/610)

(b) Report of the Fifth Committee (A/54/658)

The General Assembly adopted draft resolutions I and II recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 11 of its report (A/54/610) (resolutions 54/111 and 54/112).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 155.

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE 48th meeting

Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty [105]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.3 and L.69

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Daúl Matute (Peru), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.69.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.3 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 105.

Macroeconomic policy questions [97]

(e) External debt crisis and development

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.2 and L.71

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Giovanni Brauzzi (Italy), introduced and orally revised draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.69.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Philippines, the United States and Cameroon.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised.

Draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.2 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 97 (e).

Sectoral policy issues [98]

(b) Business and development

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.34 and L.70

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Alexandru Nicu lescu (Romania), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.70.

The representative of the United States informed the Committee that Australia, Croatia, the Czech Republic, the Russian Federation and Ukraine had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution before it became a Vice-Chairman's text.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.34 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 98 (b).

FIFTH COMMITTEE 44th meeting

Report of the Economic and Social Council [12]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend to the General Assembly that it take note of chapters I, VII (sects. B and C) and IX of the report of the Economic and Social Council (A/54/3).

The representative of Italy made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item.

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [121]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

(a) Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/54/L.36

The Chairman of the Committee drew the attention of the Committee to the statement submitted by the Secretary-General on the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/54/L.36 contained in document A/C.5/54/38.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions orally introduced the related report of that Committee which would be subsequently issued as an official document of the United Nations.

Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba, the United States, Canada, Finland (on behalf of the European Union), Venezuela and Mexico.

The Director of the Budget Division replied to questions raised.

Following the comments made, the Chairman informed the Committee that the question would be considered in informal consultations.

(b) Programme budget implications of draft resolution II contained in document A/54/604

The Chairman of the Committee drew the attention of the Committee to the statement submitted by the Secretary-General on the programme budget implications of draft resolution II in the report of the Third Committee (A/54/604) contained in document A/C.5/54/36.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions orally introduced the related report of that Committee which would be subsequently issued as an official document of the United Nations.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend to the General Assembly, that should it adopt draft resolution II recommended by the Third Committee in its report on the right of peoples for self-determination, an additional requirement of $184,600 would arise under section 22, Human rights, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001.

The representative of the United States made a statement in explanation of position.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

(c) Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/54/L.24/Rev.1

The Committee resumed its consideration of the statement submitted by the Secretary-General on the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/54/L.24/Rev.1 contained in document A/C.5/54/34.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend to the General Assembly, that should it adopt draft resolution A/54/L.24/Rev.1, the requirements of $187,700 would be charged against the provision of $90,387,200 for special political missions requested in section 3 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question

(d) Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.6/54/L.7/Rev.1

The Committee resumed its consideration of the statement submitted by the Secretary-General on the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.6/54/L.7/Rev.1 contained in document A/C.5/54/35.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend to the General Assembly, that should it adopt draft resolution A/C.6/54/L.7/Rev.1, an additional appropriation of $105,200 would arise under section 8 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001.

The representative of the United States made a statement in explanation of position.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

(e) Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.42/Rev.1

The Committee resumed its consideration of the statement submitted by the Secretary-General on the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.42/Rev.1 contained in document A/C.5/54/31 and Add.1.

Statements were made by the representatives of Norway, Mozambique, Japan, the United Republic of Tanzania, South Africa, Brazil and Finland (on behalf of the European Union).

The Director of the Budget Division replied to questions raised.

The Chairman proposed a decision, to which the representative of Japan proposed an amendment.

The representatives of Cuba made a statement on a point of clarification, to which the Director of the Budget Division replied.

The representative of the United States made a statement and proposed a further amendment.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Republic of Tanzania, Cuba and the Syrian Arab Republic.

Following a suspension of the meeting, and on the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend to the General Assembly, that should it adopt draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.42/Rev.1, an additional requirement of $753,100 would arise in the proposed programme budget for 2000-2001 under section 4, Disarmament ($384,600), and under section 26, Public information ($368,500). In addition, an amount of $56,500 would be required under section 32, Staff assessment, to be offset by the same amount under income section 1, income from staff assessment. These requirements would be considered in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001.

The Committee also decided, without prejudice to paragraph 8 of General Assembly resolution 37/14-C, to recommend to the General Assembly that the Secretary-General be requested to provide summary records for only those meetings at which decisions would be taken.

Statements in explanation of position were made by the representatives of the United States and Cuba.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Questions relating to the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [121]

The Committee continued its consideration of this agenda item.

(a) Construction of additional conference facilities at Addis Ababa

(b) Unforseen and extraordinary expenses

(c) Proposed abolition of two General Service posts under income section 3

(d) Internal and external printing practices of the Organization

(e) Temporary assistance for meetings: requirements 2000-2001

(f) Rental of United Nations premises by press and other entities

(g) Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001: section 26, Public information

(h) Use of general temporary assistance for specific positions

The Chairman drew the attention of the Committee to the reports of the Secretary-General contained in documents A/54/431 and A/C.5/54/29, and the notes by the Secretary-General contained in documents A/C.5/54/14, A/C.5/54/18, A/C.5/54/19, A/C.5/54/25, A/C.5/54/27 and A/C.5/54/33.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/54/7/Add.5).

The representative of Cuba made a statement.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions replied to questions raised.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee agreed to consider and make appropriate recommendations on these reports in the context of the informal consultations on the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001.

Organization of work

Statements were made by the representatives of Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Morocco, Cameroon, the Syrian Arab Republic, Kuwait, the Philippines, Israel, Cuba and Côte d'Ivoire.

The Chairman also made a statement.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Food Aid Convention, 1999. London, 13 April 1999

Accession: Australia (7 December 1999)*

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. New York, 6 October 1999

OPENING FOR SIGNATURE

The Optional Protocol will be opened for signature at the United Nations Headquarters in New York from *today*, 10 December 1999, by any State that has signed, ratified or acceded to the Convention , in accordance with its article 15 (1).

A signature ceremony will take place *today*, 10 December 1999, at 12 noon in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. Delegations are advised to contact the Treaty Section in advance to arrange appointments for signature (room S-3200; tel.: (212) 963-5047; fax: (212) 963-3693).

It is also advised that delegations intending to sign the Protocol submit, where necessary, full powers in advance to the Treaty Section.

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* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Change of address

As of Monday, 13 December 1999, the New York headquarters of the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS) will be located at the following address: The Chrysler Building, 405 Lexington Avenue, 4th Floor, New York, N.Y. 10174 (tel.: (212) 457-4000; fax: (212) 457-4001). The Office will be closed *today*, 10 December 1999.

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Background briefings

In addition to the daily noon press briefing given by the Spokesman for the Secretary-General, all background briefings given to the press may now be viewed by delegations in Viewing Room 4, which is located in the corridor connecting the Viennese Cafe with the public concourse.

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International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

Exhibit

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, in cooperation with the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations, will present a Palestinian art exhibit entitled "Follow the Star: Images from the Palestinian City of Bethlehem at the New Millennium", in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People. The exhibit will be displayed until Sunday, 12 December 1999, at the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building.

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